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## 62/237. Programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

### A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2008–2009

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the biennium 2008–2009:

1. Appropriations totalling 4,171,359,700 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

| *Section* | | *Amount (United States dollars)* |
|---|---|---|
| | Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination* | |
| 1. | Overall policymaking, direction and coordination | 89 215 800 |
| 2. | General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | 629 339 800 |
| | **Subtotal** | **718 555 600** |
| | Part II. *Political affairs* | |
| 3. | Political affairs | 495 609 200 |
| 4. | Disarmament | 21 607 900 |
| 5. | Peacekeeping operations | 101 412 700 |
| 6. | Peaceful uses of outer space | 7 439 800 |
| | **Subtotal** | **626 069 600** |
| | Part III. *International justice and law* | |
| 7. | International Court of Justice | 41 200 400 |
| 8. | Legal affairs | 46 069 000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **87 269 400** |

| *Section* | | *Amount (United States dollars)* |
|---|---|---|
| | Part IV. *International cooperation for development* | |
| 9. | Economic and social affairs | 158 384 800 |
| 10. | Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States | 5 440 400 |
| 11. | United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development | 11 641 900 |
| 12. | Trade and development | 123 746 100 |
| 13. | International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO | 28 099 800 |
| 14. | Environment | 13 796 600 |
| 15. | Human settlements | 20 520 800 |
| 16. | International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice | 36 819 000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **398 449 400** |
| | Part V. *Regional cooperation for development* | |
| 17. | Economic and social development in Africa | 119 798 200 |
| 18. | Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific | 83 926 400 |
| 19. | Economic development in Europe | 59 917 100 |
| 20. | Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean | 104 445 000 |
| 21. | Economic and social development in Western Asia | 58 107 500 |
| 22. | Regular programme of technical cooperation | 50 951 400 |
| | **Subtotal** | **477 145 600** |
| | Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs* | |
| 23. | Human rights | 116 938 400 |
| 24. | International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees | 73 069 300 |
| 25. | Palestine refugees | 40 727 500 |
| 26. | Humanitarian assistance | 28 492 300 |
| | **Subtotal** | **259 227 500** |
| | Part VII. *Public information* | |
| 27. | Public information | 184 000 500 |
| | **Subtotal** | **184 000 500** |
| | Part VIII. *Common support services* | |
| 28. | Management and support services | 540 204 300 |
| | **Subtotal** | **540 204 300** |
| | Part IX. *Internal oversight* | |
| 29. | Internal oversight | 35 997 700 |
| | **Subtotal** | **35 997 700** |
| | Part X. *Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses* | |
| 30. | Jointly financed administrative activities | 11 459 300 |
| 31. | Special expenses | 97 011 600 |
| | **Subtotal** | **108 470 900** |

| *Section* | | *Amount (United States dollars)* |
|---|---|---|
| | Part XI. *Capital expenditures* | |
| 32. | Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance | 58 782 600 |
| | **Subtotal** | **58 782 600** |
| | Part XII. *Safety and security* | |
| 33. | Safety and security | 197 169 300 |
| | **Subtotal** | **197 169 300** |
| | Part XIII. *Development Account* | |
| 34. | Development Account | 18 651 300 |
| | **Subtotal** | **18 651 300** |
| | Part XIV. *Staff assessment* | |
| 35. | Staff assessment | 461 366 000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **461 366 000** |
| | **Total** | **4 171 359 700** |

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2008–2009 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

*79th plenary meeting*
*22 December 2007*

## B

### INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2008–2009

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the biennium 2008–2009:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 515,460,600 United States dollars are approved as follows:

| *Income section* | | *Amount (United States dollars)* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Income from staff assessment | 465 780 400 |
| 2. | General income | 47 946 900 |
| 3. | Services to the public | 1 733 300 |
| | **Total** | **515 460 600** |

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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*22 December 2007*

## C

### FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2008

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the year 2008:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 2,085,679,850 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 4,171,359,700 dollars approved for the biennium 2008–2009 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 19,876,500 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for the biennium 2006–2007 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 61/258 of 26 March 2007, 61/275 of 29 June 2007 and 62/235 A of 22 December 2007, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(*a*) 44,927,300 dollars, consisting of 24,840,100 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 2008–2009 under resolution B above, plus 20,087,200 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment for the biennium 2006–2007;

(*b*) 2,060,629,050 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 231,612,600 dollars, consisting of:

(*a*) 232,890,200 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2008–2009 in resolution B above;

(*b*) Less 1,277,600 dollars, being the decrease in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2006–2007 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 61/258 of 26 March 2007, 61/275 of 29 June 2007 and 62/235 B of 22 December 2007.

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[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

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# Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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## 62/238. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

*The General Assembly*,

### I

### International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

*Having considered* the programme budget proposals for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO for the biennium 2008–2009[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides* to approve resources in the amount of 28,099,800 United States dollars (at the exchange rate of 1.2 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for the biennium 2008–2009 under section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

### II

### Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pen sion Fund

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Board[4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

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[1] A/62/6 (Sect. 13) and Add.1.

[2] A/62/7/Add.10. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[3] A/62/175.

[4] A/C.5/62/2.

[5] A/62/7/Add.3 and 13. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

1. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 131,996,500 dollars net for the biennium 2008–2009 and a revised estimate of 104,461,100 dollars net for the biennium 2006–2007 for the administration of the Fund;

2. *Also approves* an additional amount of 748,200 dollars above the level of resources set out in section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund;

## III

## Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

*Recalling* section IV of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2008–2009[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7]

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[6]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[7]

3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the Institute of 485,500 dollars for the biennium 2008–2009 from the regular budget of the United Nations, on the understanding that no additional provision would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

## IV

## Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[9]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[8]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[9]

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[6] A/C.5/62/3.

[7] A/62/7/Add.5. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*

[8] A/62/515.

[9] A/62/7/Add.16. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*

3. *Notes* that provision for resource requirements for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women is considered in the report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;[10]

## V

## Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[11] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[12]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[11]

2. *Regrets* the recurrent late submission of the reports on the matter under consideration, which hinders their proper examination by the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions no later than the first week of November;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[12] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Notes* the insufficient level of collaboration between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, of the Secretariat, with respect to special political missions, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication among the three departments;

5. *Stresses* the importance of clear reporting lines and accountability between special political missions and Headquarters;

6. *Recalls* its resolution 48/259 of 14 July 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that functions and responsibilities of special envoys, special representatives and other special high-level positions are more clearly defined and streamlined, avoiding any possible duplication, and that the current financial regulations and budgetary procedures are fully complied with;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all special political missions are properly managed and all related post and non-post resources are fully and thoroughly justified;

8. *Decides* to revert to consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management of special political missions by the Department of Political Affairs[13] during its consideration of the report of the

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[10] A/62/616.

[11] A/62/512 and Add.1-3, Add.4 and Corr.1 and Add.5.

[12] A/62/7/Add.29. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No 7A*.

[13] A/61/357.

Secretary-General on revised estimates related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs;[14]

9. *Recalls*, section I, paragraph 8, of its resolution 61/276 of 29 June 2007, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement relevant provisions of that resolution for special political missions, where applicable;

10. *Decides* to upgrade the position of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide to the Under-Secretary-General level, and to establish an additional P-3 and an additional General Service (Other level) position in his office;

11. *Takes note* of paragraph 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[12] and approves the establishment of one new P-3 position for a Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon;

12. *Also takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 16 of its report,[12] and approves the proposal of the Secretary-General to finance the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia as from 1 January 2008, without prejudice to the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs;[14]

13. *Stresses* the importance of the work of the United Nations related to special political missions;

14. *Reaffirms* the need to ensure adequate levels of safety and security for United Nations personnel and associated humanitarian personnel;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a new, complete and detailed proposal for the construction of the United Nations integrated compound in Baghdad, under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget, for its consideration at the first part of its resumed sixty-second session;

16. *Decides* to reduce the overall provision for special political missions for the biennium 2008–2009 by 200,150,000 dollars;

17. *Approves* the budgets totalling 386,587,300 dollars for the 26 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, which are presented in table 1 of the report of the Secretary-General;[15]

18. *Also approves* a charge totalling 386,587,300 dollars net against the provision for special political missions requested in section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

[14] A/62/521 and Corr.1.

[15] A/62/512.

## VI

### Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates under sections 2, 23, 27, 28E and 35 and income section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 and a proposal related to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from the implementation of decisions of the Human Rights Council[16] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[17]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[17] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Decides* to establish five P-5 posts for Senior Revisers for conference management, Geneva;

3. *Approves* net additional resource requirements for the biennium 2008–2009 amounting to 765,100 dollars, representing:

(*a*) A reduction of 307,400 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;

(*b*) An increase of 1,072,500 dollars under section 23, Human rights;

(*c*) Additional resource requirements of 324,700 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

## VII

### Revised estimates under sections 17, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 28G of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 to ensure operational preparedness and business continuity in a protracted human influenza pandemic crisis

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates under sections 17, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 28G of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 to ensure operational preparedness and business continuity in a protracted human influenza pandemic crisis[18] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[19]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[18]

2. *Stresses* the need for a comprehensive review of all business continuity measures, including human influenza pandemic and other kinds of emergency planning, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at

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[16] A/62/125.

[17] A/62/7/Add.25. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[18] A/62/328.

[19] A/62/7/Add.2 and Corr.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

its sixty-third session a comprehensive report on business continuity, including in the event of a pandemic, that is complementary to and compatible with the wider enterprise resource planning and information and communications technology reform, and to include information on the status of implementation of measures taken in that regard;

## VIII

## Development Account

*Recalling* its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997, 52/235 of 26 June 1998, 53/220 A of 7 April 1999, 53/220 B of 8 June 1999, 54/15 of 29 October 1999, 56/237 of 24 December 2001 and 60/246 of 23 December 2005 and section IV of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

*Regretting* the lack of allocation of sufficient resources for developing countries in order to enable them to better cope with developmental priorities, in particular the Millennium Development Goals and internationally agreed development goals,

*Recognizing* the importance of building appropriate intellectual capacities in the developing countries to help them achieve the Millennium Development Goals and more broadly the internationally agreed development goals, which constitute additional financial and technical obligations,

*Stressing* the failure of the prescribed modalities for identification of resources to finance the Development Account,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account,[20] his fifth annual progress report on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account[21] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account[20] and his fifth annual progress report on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[21] and encourages him to work further towards identifying resources from possible reductions in administration and other overhead costs for transfer to the Development Account;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* the role and prerogative of Member States in setting the priorities of the Organization, as reflected in legislative decisions;

4. *Stresses* that the Development Account is one of the appropriate tools to cope with the evolving needs of the global development agenda;

5. *Notes with concern* that the Secretary-General has not fulfilled the mandates contained in resolution 52/12 B and subsequent resolutions on the Development Account;

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[20] A/62/466.

[21] A/62/123.

[22] A/62/7/Add.6. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

6. *Recognizes* that the current modalities for financing the Development Account, which is to be funded from savings achieved as a result of the efficiency measures that can be identified in the context of budget performance reports, have not proved successful;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section IV of its resolution 61/252;

8. *Also recalls* that the amount of 2.5 million dollars was appropriated under section 34, Development Account, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 as an immediate exceptional measure towards addressing the lack of transfer of resources to the Account since its inception;

9. *Notes with deep concern* that the Secretary-General has not been able to define a procedure to track and identify efficiency gains in the context of budget performance reports and that he has not been able to provide recommendations to the General Assembly on how additional resources in the region of 2.5 million dollars could be added to the Development Account;

10. *Notes with concern* the lack of options in the report of the Secretary-General[20] for tangible, predictable and sustainable funding for the Development Account;

11. *Decides* to appropriate an additional 2.5 million dollars for the Development Account;

12. *Stresses* that the appropriation referred to in paragraph 11 above is an exceptional measure towards addressing the lack of transfer of resources to the Account since its inception;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolution 52/235;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fully comply with its resolution 52/12 B and subsequent resolutions on the Development Account;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a report on the implementation of the present section;

## IX

## Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 61/252,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General[23] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[24]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as host country, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[23] and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[24]

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[23] A/62/487.

[24] A/62/7/Add.11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

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### Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre

*Recalling* section I of its resolution 61/252,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General[25] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[26]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts of the Government of Austria, as host country, to construct conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[25] and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[26]

## XI

### Supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague

*Recalling* section VII of its resolution 52/222 of 22 December 1997,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague[27] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[28]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[27]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[28]

3. *Approves* the amendments to the supplementary agreement contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

## XII

### Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 61/273 of 29 June 2007,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of

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[25] A/62/358.

[26] A/62/7/Add.9. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[27] A/62/496.

[28] A/62/7/Add.8. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

Women[29] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[30]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[29]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[30]

3. *Reiterates its appeal* to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Institute and to honour existing pledges in a timely manner;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that continue to contribute to and support the activities of the Institute;

5. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the management and the Executive Board of the Institute for their efforts that have helped the Institute to secure sustainable financing;

## XIII

## Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2007

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2007,[31] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[32]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[31]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[32]

## XIV

## United Nations Postal Administration

*Recalling* its resolutions 57/292 of 20 December 2002 and 61/233 A of 22 December 2006 and section III of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration[33] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[34]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[33]

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[29] A/62/509.

[30] A/62/7/Add.12. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[31] A/62/336.

[32] A/62/353; and A/62/7/Add.1 and Corr.1 (for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A).*

[33] A/61/900.

[34] A/62/350.

2. *Notes* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[34]

3. *Takes note* of paragraphs 9 to 11 of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to continue taking measures, alternative to the establishment of a contingent liability reserve, to eliminate risks posed to the United Nations Postal Administration by mass mailing and to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session on the progress achieved;

4. *Decides* to consider at its sixty-third session the establishment of a contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration as a solution to the issue of reducing the risk posed to the Postal Administration by the use of its services for commercial and bulk mail, on the basis of any future recommendations of the Board of Auditors and updated information provided by the Secretary-General on this issue;

## XV

### Standards of accommodation for air travel

*Recalling* its resolution 42/214 of 21 December 1987, section IV, paragraph 14, of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 and section IV of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel and on the review of the standards of travel and entitlements for staff members, members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and entities of the United Nations system,[35] the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system,[36] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon[37] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[38]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[35]

2. *Also takes note* of the the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system[36] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon;[37]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[39] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Takes note* of the recommendation in paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[38]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chief Executives Board, to report on the feasibility of harmonizing standards of travel for staff members, members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and

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[35] A/61/188 and Corr.1 and A/61/801.

[36] See A/60/78.

[37] A/60/78/Add.1.

[38] A/61/661.

[39] A/61/661 and A/62/351.

organizations of the United Nations system, on the basis of a review and proposals by the Chief Executives Board, taking due consideration of the specificity of the work and mandates of the different entities of the system;

## XVI

### Contingency fund

*Notes* that a balance of 12,191,000 dollars remains in the contingency fund;[40]

## XVII

### Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation[41] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[42]

*Takes note* of the revised estimates arising from recosting due to the effects of changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

## XVIII

### Joint Inspection Unit

*Approves* the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2008–2009 in the amount of 11,633,000 dollars;

## XIX

### International Civil Service Commission

*Approves* the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2008–2009 in the amount of 17,777,000 dollars;

## XX

### Administration of justice

*Recalling* its resolution 62/228 of 22 December 2007 on the administration of justice at the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to approve a total amount of 17,010,200 dollars under the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009, reflecting an increase comprised of 11,860,400 dollars under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, 1,737,300 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 41,300 dollars under section 17, Economic and social development in Africa, 92,700 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, 98,100 dollars under section 20, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, 37,500 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Western Asia, 326,700 dollars under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-

[40] See A/C.5/62/22.

[41] A/62/587.

[42] A/62/7/Add.30. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

General for Management, 269,500 dollars under section 28C, Office of Human Resources Management, 1,297,600 dollars under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, 167,800 dollars under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, 1,119,200 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, partially offset by reductions of 23,800 dollars under section 28F, Administration, Vienna, and 14,100 dollars under section 28G, Administration, Nairobi, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

2. *Also decides* that the amount of 305,300 dollars shall be financed from the resources approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, to be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the performance report on the support account for the period;

## XXI

### Use of 300-series and 100-series appointments

1. *Recalls* section XIV of its resolution 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and section VIII of its resolution 61/276 of 29 June 2007;

2. *Decides* to continue to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration until 30 June 2008;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph 2 above, to reappoint, under the 100 series of the Staff Rules, those mission staff whose service under 300-series contracts has reached the four-year limit by 30 June 2008, provided that their functions have been reviewed and found necessary and their performance has been confirmed as fully satisfactory, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the practice of using 300-series contracts as the primary instrument for the appointment of new staff;

## XXII

### United Nations Office for Partnerships

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships[43] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[44]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[43]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[44]

## XXIII

### Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security

*Approves* the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security for the biennium 2008–2009 in the amount of 200,126,100 dollars, broken down as follows:

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[43] A/62/220.

[44] A/62/363.

(*a*) **Field Security Operations: 172,417,700 dollars;**

(*b*) **Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 27,708,400 dollars.**

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## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/563/Add.1)*]

### 62/239. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2008–2009

*The General Assembly*

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[1] and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2008–2009 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(*a*) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2008–2009 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(*b*) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 200,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grants of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(*c*) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 1 million dollars in the biennium 2008–2009 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for security measures pursuant to section XI, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2008–2009, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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# Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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## 62/240. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2008–2009

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2008–2009 in the amount of 150 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 2008;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(*a*) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(*b*) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2006–2007 in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 60/250 of 23 December 2005 and 60/283 of 7 July 2006;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2006–2007 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2008–2009;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(*a*) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;

(*b*) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 62/239 of 22 December 2007 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(*c*) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(*d*) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(*e*) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2008–2009, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/563/Add.2)*]

### 62/241. Questions related to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 41/208 of 11 December 1986 and 48/225 of 23 December 1993 and sections II and IV of its resolution 61/240 of 22 December 2006,

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Board[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive review of services provided by the Fund, funded through section 1, Overall, policymaking, direction and coordination, of the programme budget, and to report thereon in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

3. *Encourages* the Fund, when submitting performance reports, to consider the feasibility of an extension of the reporting period for actual expenditures and a shortening, accordingly, of the reporting period for projected estimates;

4. *Takes note* of the information set out in annex V to the report of the Board[1] on the need for a more strategic approach to the human resources requirements of the Fund;

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[1] A/62/175.

[2] A/C.5/62/2.

[3] A/62/7/Add.3 and 13. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

5. *Concurs* with the request made by the Board that the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund and the Representative of the Secretary-General for investments undertake an overall review of the staffing and organizational structure in their respective areas, including drawing on relevant industry benchmarks and best practice and report on the results of the review to the Board at its fifty-fifth session;[4]

6. *Notes* that all requests by the Fund for the establishment of new information technology posts have been deferred by the Board until its fifty-fifth session, when a full enterprise resource planning project strategy, including a budget and project plan, will be presented to and considered by the Board;

7. *Urges* the Fund administration to make every possible effort to fill the existing vacancies in the staffing table as soon as feasible;

8. *Authorizes* the Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2008–2009 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 United States dollars;

9. *Stresses* the importance of securing the income replacement principle that is embodied in the regulations of the Fund and which has been consistently upheld by the International Civil Service Commission in its decisions and by the General Assembly in its resolutions;

10. *Approves* the ad hoc measure recommended by the Board to address adverse, unprecedented consequences of dollarization in Ecuador as an ad hoc, one-time, ex gratia, exceptional payment;

11. *Emphasizes* that this arrangement would not set a precedent for any future action by the Board.

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[4] A/62/175, annex V, para. 19.